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## **Governor's Office of Economic Development Celebrates One-Year Anniversary**

### *Highlights Successful Job Creation Projects*

SACRAMENTO – The Governor's Office of Economic Development (GoED) today hosted its one-year anniversary reception to recognize key partners and highlight some of their most successful projects – dubbed 'California's Job Creators.' The reception was attended by approximately 75 economic development professionals, small business representatives and state officials. Special recognition was given to GoED's key partners, the California Small Business Development Centers (SBDC), the California Association for Local Economic Development (CalED), and Team California.

"GoED has achieved unprecedented success in just a short year, due in large part to the support we have received from our partners," said Governor's Office of Economic Development Director, Joel Ayala. "It's now our responsibility to build upon that success and help foster a business climate that ensures every California business has the chance to be successful and every company in the world wants to have a presence in the Golden State."

In the first year, GoED has directly assisted over 3800 businesses and individuals with issues including starting a new business, permit assistance, relocation and expansion, commercialization of new products, international trade development and more. In addition, GoED has worked closely with companies to deliver major job creating projects to the state.

Projects such as Mounting Systems, which launched their first-ever US manufacturing facility and headquarters in West Sacramento earlier this year. Bayer Healthcare; opened a 49,000 sq. ft. facility in Mission Bay, San Francisco. Propel Fuels; which is in the process of building 75 biofuel stations throughout California. Allied Defense Recycling; which is recycling ships from the *Mothball Fleet* at Mare Island. And finally March LifeCare, currently building the largest healthcare facility in the Western U.S., in Riverside.

"These projects are bringing new jobs and investment to California," said Ayala. "We were able to work with these companies to help clear regulatory hurdles, streamline the permitting process, connect partners, and provide the assistance they needed to complete these essential projects."

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